



Supervisor Ralph Buona's Ashburn District



NEWS FLASH

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST/FLASH FLOOD WATCH

As you are probably already aware, the National Weather Service (NWS) is calling for between 5" to 10" of rain between today and Saturday. There is a chance of higher amounts in localized areas. The amount of precipitation, along with the 5+ inches of rain we received Tuesday night will result in significant flooding of many urban and low lying areas, creeks, and streams. The potential for flooding exists for the next several days. Please note that the flooding rains will begin late Thursday into Friday are not associated with [Hurricane Joaquin](#) but a result of several weather systems affecting the Mid-Atlantic area. This hurricane is expected to impact the Mid-Atlantic later this weekend depending upon its path.

For the latest updates from NWS, please click here. http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?x=202&y=93&site=lwx&zmx=&zmy=&map_x=202&map_y=93#.Vg1MtexVikq

NWS has issued a flash flood watch for our area from 8 a.m., Friday, 2 October through Saturday, 3 October at 8 p.m. NWS' Flash flood guidance for Loudoun County is that 1" of rain over 6 hours will trigger a flash flood warning. You can expect a number of flood and river-flood alert notices and warnings over the next several days.

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!

Do not underestimate the force and power of water. More deaths occur due to flooding than from any other storm-related hazard. These deaths are preventable! Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to a flooded road, stop and do not cross. Do not drive around barricades. You cannot always determine the depth of the water or the condition of the road under the water. Six inches of moving water can knock a person down and just two feet of water can move a large vehicle such as a bus.

GUBERNATORIAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Yesterday, Governor Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth in anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Joaquin. The Executive Order, which operates retroactively to Tuesday, September 29th, allows Virginia state and local emergency responders to begin to prepare for the effects of the rain forecast across the Commonwealth Thursday and Friday, as well as the potential that Hurricane Joaquin will impact Virginia early next week.

<http://governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/newsarticle?articleId=12936>

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[Virginia Dominion Power - click here https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/report-and-check-outages](https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/report-and-check-outages)

NOVEC - click here <http://stormcenter.novec.com/index.cfm>

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